

(c) The 1984 Nuclear Power Profile of the Department of Atomic Energy envisaged setting up an installed generation capacity of 10,000 MWe of nuclear power by the turn of the century. Taking into account the actual progress in the implementation of the programme and constraints on the availability of financial resources, the proposal for the VIIIth Five Year Plan of the Department of Atomic Energy envisaged setting up an installed capacity of 7700 MWe by the year 2002 A.D. As regards the Fast Breeder Reactors, which constitute the second stage of our nuclear power programme, a design for 500 MWe prototype reactor has been evolved and detailed engineering is in progress. Other supporting activities in the domain of R&D, production of heavy water and fuel are maintained at a level to match the projected needs of the revised nuclear power programme.

Drinking Water Problem in Konkan Region

4440. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Konkan region of Maharashtra is threatened by acute drinking water problem; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN THE MINISTRY RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). There is no acute drinking water problem in 4 districts (Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg) of Konkan Region of Maharashtra as the rain fall during monsoons of 1991 was satisfactory. However, some villages of the Region may face scarcity of drinking water during the coming summer months. Necessary measures like construction of dug wells, bore wells, Piped

Water Supply Schemes etc. are being implemented from plan funds.

Software Piracy

4441. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that software piracy is going on in the country in all business and government offices;

(b) if so, the steps taken to stop this piracy;

(c) whether the domestic software market is affected due to it; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/incentives given to revive the domestic market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d). Software is protected under the Copyright Act, 1957 as amended by Copyright Act, 1984. A Monitoring Committee has been constituted with the following terms of reference:-

- (i) To see that the provisions of the Copyright Act so far as software is concerned, are vigorously implemented.
- (ii) To take initiative for conducting studies and monitoring the status of use of legitimate software.
- (iii) To promote action to meet the needs of users as regards prices of popular software packages.

In addition, following measures have been taken to stop software piracy:-

- (i) Major Government users have

been advised (a) to advertise tenders separately for computer hardware and software and (b) to use licensed software products.

(ii) Permitting the import of software under OGL for actual users including Government Departments, computer manufacturers and software houses registered with the Department of Electronics for purpose of Stock and Sale.

(iii) A non-profit company "Indian Federation Against Software Theft" (INFAST) has been set up with the objective to render protection against software piracy to Indian and foreign software products.

(iv) All States and Union Territories have been suggested to make appropriate amendments in their Police Acts, to empower representatives of INFAST and Industry Associations like NASSCOM to act as special police officers, for the specific purpose of implementing the relevant provisions of the Copyright Act against software piracy.

Accidents in Western Coalfields

4442. SHRI RAMCHANDRA GANGARE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents occurred in the Collieries of Western Coalfields in 1990-91;

(b) the casualties in each such accident and the compensation paid to the aggrieved persons or their relatives;

(c) the cause for each such accident; and

(d) the measures taken for the safety of the workers in each such colliery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA):

(a) to (c). There have been 14 accidents involving 14 fatalities during 1990-91 in Western Coalfields Limited. Of these 7 were due to roof/side fall and the remaining 7 were due to haulage and Heavy Earth Moving Machinery. The compensation in each case of fatality is deposited by the coal company with the Workmen Compensation Commissioner as per provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act for payment to the next of kin of the deceased worker. The company has paid a total of Rs. 9.62 lakhs as compensation during 1990-91.

(d) Each accident is enquired into by the Internal Safety Organisation and guidelines are issued outlining the safety measures to be undertaken to prevent such accidents. Besides, the coal companies have an Annual Action Plan for bringing about improvement in safety in mines, which envisages introduction of roof-bolting system, establishment of new travelling roads and improving the existing ones, establishment of communication network from underground mines to surface and dust-suppression.

Maruti Udyog Ltd.

4443. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of authorised dealers of Maruti in Assam as on date with the date of appointment and the commercial territory; and

(b) the terms and conditions prescribed for the appointment of authorised dealers?